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Coffee County Commission honors James Brown upon retirement from EMA office

Grant Lyons sworn-in as Coffee County's next EMA director

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A changing of the guard, so to speak, transpired Monday morning, July 22, during the Coffee County Commission meeting as Grant Lyons was sworn-in to be the new Coffee County EMA director.

Circuit Judge Sonny Reagan administered the oath of office for Lyons. Following the swearing-in, Lyons then recognized and honored retiring EMA director James Brown.

Brown joined the Coffee County EMA office in 2010, and he was named director in 2017.

Prior to joining Coffee County EMA, he spent 20-plus years in the Air Force.

Lyons touched on many

of the events Brown worked on during his time with the EMA office, included the Elba Christmas Flood of 2015, the Coronavirus, hurricanes and more. He also noted Brown's work in getting emergency training exercises to the schools and citizens over the years and getting central dispatch up and going for the county.

"I am very thankful for his friendship. He is a true friend to me, and I am going to miss him," Lyons said. "But, I also know I have learned from the best."

Brown said he had been very blessed to live in the Coffee County community for the last 14 years, and he thanked the many people and organizations that he had worked with over the

years to help make his job better.

"This is a very giving community," he said.

Also, he said the county is in good hands with Grant Lyons now serving as the new EMA director.

At the conclusion of Monday's meeting, all were invited to enjoy refreshments in honor of EMA ceremonies.

In other business from the meeting, commissioners nominated Jimmy Jones to serve as their representative on the Association of County Commissioners of Alabama's 2024-2025 Legislative Committee.

Also, commissioners voted to use proceeds from funds generated from the sale of equipment at auctions to make some new equipment purchases.



Grant Lyons accepted the oath of office Monday morning, July 22, to serve as Coffee County's EMA director. The oath of office was administered by Circuit Judge Sonny Reagan. Standing with Lyons as he accepted the oath of office was his wife and three children. Prior to being named director, Lyons served several years as deputy director.



Coffee County Commissioners honored James Brown (left) Monday morning, July 22, during their regular meeting. Brown has retired from the job of Coffee County EMA director. He was hired in 2010 as deputy director and was named director in 2017. Above, commission chairman Dean Smith makes a presentation to Brown.

Brantley coach receives FCA Herman "Bubba" Scott award

Longtime Brantley High School softball coach Cindy Hawthorne was honored at last Thursday's Fellowship of Christian Athletes Coaches Luncheon.

Hawthorne was named the 2024 recipient of the Herman "Bubba" Scott FCA Lifetime Achievement Award.

Scott, who served as executive director of the AHSAA from 1965 - 1991, was instrumental in establishing the Fellowship of Christian

Athletes (FCA) program in Alabama in the 1960s. The growth of the FCA has been phenomenal ever since.

Hawthorne, one of the state's most successful softball coaches, has been active as an FCA coach with her school's FCA chapter in Crenshaw County. The award is given annually to a teacher/coach who, like Mr. Scott, "lives a life that exemplifies the core values of FCA."

The example of faith in

her own life has had a major impact on her fellow teachers, players, and other students - throughout the state.

More than 400 coaches attended the FCA Luncheon Thursday at the Montgomery Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center. The luncheon is an annual event at the AHSAA Summer Conference and Coaching School.

Chette Williams, FCA campus director at Auburn University and AU Football chaplain, was the keynote speaker at the luncheon.

Hawthorne was the 12th recipient of the Scott Award since its inception in 2012. Last year's Scott Award recipient was Alvin Briggs, AHSAA Executive Director, who is retiring Sept. 1.

patterns from 2002 to 2003.

Noting that accents can vary from region to region across Alabama, Spence focused her research on Southeast Alabama, especially Coffee, Pike, Dale, Houston, Geneva and Covington counties.

What she found helped shape her future as an English educator and administrator. Now the dean of instruction at Enterprise State Community College, she still listens intently while visiting friends and family in Elba.

Her expertise was highlighted in an episode of "Journey Proud" on Alabama Public Television where she shared knowledge of Southern speech patterns with folklorist Joey Brackner.

Today, notable differences remain between word choices in different regions, she noted. For example, residents in some areas call one insect "red bug," while others use "chigger."

Digging deeper, Spence said the pronunciation differences can be seen in Southern variants of "I," "oi" and "ing," known as sociolinguistic variables.

Spence added that it is common for speakers to use the "in" variant of "ing," sometimes referred to by non-linguists as "g-dropping." She noted Southerners more commonly use the "in" variant both in formal settings and with nouns, turning a word like "Thanksgiving" to "Thanksgivin'" and "fixing to" to "fixin' to."

She found other common variations in the Wiregrass region, such as saying "greazy" instead of

Alabama linguist is fixin' to tell you what make Wiregrass dialects unique

by Elisha Oyola,
Auburn University Living
Democracy student

"Fixin' to," "y'all" and "Thanksgivin'" are distinctive words of the South that reflect cultural identity. Those distinctions caught the ear of Anna Head Spence while she was growing up in the Wiregrass region.

She followed that interest into graduate school at Auburn University where she studied linguistics. With her advisers' guidance, she pursued her research into accents, one of the definitive features of the South, in her doctoral studies.

They encouraged her to base her research in her hometown of Elba, Alabama. She compiled information on vowel usage and other distinctive speech



Anna Head Spence walks along the path where she interviewed people from Elba for the Alabama Public Television show "Journey Proud."

"greazy," "mirra" instead of "mirror" or "guf" instead of "gulf."

Possibly the most iconic phrase of the South is "y'all," Spence said "y'all" has recently become a word sometimes used in the singular. "All ya'll" may be an indicator that "y'all" can refer to one person.

Jennifer Amlong, director of the Elba Library and Elba native, said Spence's research on Southern accents is confirmed for her daily. Her own speech, Amlong said, is a source of pride.

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Along with Special Education coordinator Elba BOE appoints Dr. Tyler Booker as new federal programs director

The Elba Board of Education made moves Tuesday evening, July 16, during the board's regular monthly meeting to get personnel in place prior to the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

Upon recommendation of acting superintendent Ted Watson, the board voted to appoint Dr. Tyler Booker as the special education coordinator and federal programs director for the school system.

"This appointment will help get someone full time in charge of both these programs and keep us on top of things," Watson said.

Booker said there are lots of cross over things between special education and federal programs as well as some differences, but he said taking on both is a challenge he feels good about moving forward.

"There is going to be a bit of a learning curve, but that is okay," Booker said. "There is in anything."

A couple of classroom hires completed during the meeting included the hire

of Ronald Floyd to a math teacher position at the high school. Also, Leroy Carnley was named a special education teacher and student services coordinator for the high school.

Watson said Floyd has previously been employed at Elba and had chosen to return. He said all his teaching credentials are in place. As for Carnley, Watson said this would be his new assignment returning from a medical leave absence.

The board did approve the resignation of Katie Harrison as a special education teacher at the high school. With her resignation, Booker said that would create a new vacancy to try and fill before the start of the new school year, but he said he had already put some fillers out to try and find someone for the job.

"There is just not a lot of special education teachers...period," Dr. Booker said. "Last year at Troy University, there were three graduates the entire year

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Legendary Brantley High School softball coach Cindy Hawthorne (right) receives FCA Herman "Bubba" Scott Award at last Thursday's AHSAA Summer Conference FCA luncheon (AHSAA PHOTO)

New Brockton leaders ask citizens to fill out grocery survey

New Brockton leaders are asking citizens to fill out a "Grocery Store Survey" that is available for download on the town's website - www.newbrocktonal.org. There is a link on the website to download the survey to fill out. Once completed, citizens are asked to return it to New Brockton Town Hall.

The survey can be dropped off in person at 706 E McKinnon Street; mailed to PO Box 70, New Brockton AL 36351; or email to: newbrockton2@troycable.net. Schieffer said conducting the grocery survey is "beneficial for helping the community identify specific needs and preferences of the population. This information can guide grocery stores in stocking products that are more relevant and desired by the community, potentially keeping better customer satisfaction. Additionally it can cover gaps in the availability of certain food items, helping to improve access to nutritious options."

EDITORIAL



Kids Camp held at Elba Nursing and Rehab...

The Elba Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center held Kids Camp on July 16 -18 at the facility. There were 18 local youngsters that participated in the camp. They, along with the nursing home residents and staff, had a great time! The top photo shows the youngsters with their "all about me" poster project while the photo to the right shows the campers at the nursing home. Lots of games were played during camp, and there were even more smiles! The camp was deemed a huge success.



Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Editor

We have been impressed with how Elba City Schools acting superintendent Ted Watson handles his portion of the board meetings we've been to since his hiring. His presentations are very informative, and he keeps a positive approach to it all. Not only does he provide good information to those in attendance, but he also calls on those who work with the specific details on a daily basis to speak on the matters to better explain them. From where we sit...we like all of this.

Don't forget...this Saturday is the day for the campus clean up for Elba City Schools. More information is provided on Page 3 regarding specific details. This is a great idea and great way to get the community involved in helping "spruce up" the campus. It allows folks to show their pride in the school system, and it teaches our youngsters to appreciate what they have. We salute all who worked to put this together and hope there is a big crowd out there Saturday working to make the campus look good before the start of a new school year.

During the Elba City Council meeting earlier this week, Police Chief Shayne Arnett introduced a new officer to council members that has recently been hired. This further supports the idea that better pay was needed to get officer's to come to Elba! While he is new to Elba, the officer is not new to the job. He is a seasoned officer with nine year law enforcement experience prior to coming to work for the Elba Police Department. We hope the new pay scale the city council recently approved for the police department will continue to attract more officers to our city, and maybe soon Elba will have a fully staffed department.

Elba City Clerk Sally Bane announced Monday night that those intending to seek election [or re-election] in the 2025 municipal election in Alabama cannot begin raising funds for their campaign until late August. That means the municipal election cycle is basically a month away from getting underway, folks! The spots of mayor and city council will all be up for election locally next year. So...get ready. It is almost time to start thinking on it.

We are very close to the start of a new school year. We encourage all to be praying for it to be a great year for all our local schools!

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, July 16, 2024, through Monday, July 22, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, July 16 – Animal complaint reported on Caroline St (9:03 a.m.);

reported at 1242 Farris Ave – w/verbal warning (1:57 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1242 Farris Ave – w/arrest (3:01 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 2795 Taylor Mill Rd (11:46 a.m.); Burglary reported at 835 Troy Hwy (12:00 p.m.); Assault reported at

reported on Claxton Ave (1:30 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 406 Simmons St (8:10 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 304 Simmons St (3:35 p.m.); Abandoned vehicle reported at 990 Hwy 203 (5:22 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, two written warnings, and one citation.

ed at 990 Hwy 203 (6:40 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

Monday, July 22 – Harassment reported at 1499 Claxton Ave N (12:04 a.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Hwy 203 and Reese Ave (6:08 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Claxton Ave N (7:47 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 913 Simmons St (5:55 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1501 Martin Luther King Dr (6:48 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings.

Friday, July 19 – Fire reported at 987 Hwy 203 (6:25 a.m.); Shoplifter reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (7:58 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1620 Boswell St (10:03 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Claxton Ave (12:09 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 342 N Court Ave (1:12 p.m.); Disorderly person reported at 656 Reynolds Ave (6:18 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 656 Reynolds Ave (9:03 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 804 Hwy 203 (10:58 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.

Saturday, July 20 – Animal complaint reported at 980 Carver Dr (12:46

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Cuzin Lou Lou's
Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister are planning a little weekend getaway this upcoming weekend.

The original plan was to take Little Bean along with them and give Papa a weekend without having to grand-dog sit. Well...upon telling Papa of the plans, he let it be known very quickly that he does not mind at all having time alone with Bean when Lou Lou and Sister take one of their adventures.

They would have suggested all take the trip, but Papa has a monthly church meeting on Saturday morning, and the 'girls' knew he would not want to miss that meeting. They also thought it might give him a 'relaxing' vacay from them all if Bean went on the trip.

Now, it appears Lou Lou and Sister may be taking said trip just the two of them. Papa may 'pretend' to not like having to watch after Bean when Lou Lou and Sister have other things going on, but it is just that...pretend! Turns out he actually loves it!

According to Papa, "he and Bean get along just fine without Lou Lou and Sister around."

So...when Lou Lou and Sister take off this Friday afternoon for their quick adventure, Little Bean may be sad for a minute or two, but Papa says they will be just fine! We shall see.

For someone who was not too keen on having a "in house" animal when Lou Lou and Sister got Little Bean back in 2020, Papa sure has grown to love the little monster. And, she loves him just as much.

Lou Lou and Sister often get tickled at how excited Little Bean becomes when she realizes that Papa is about to play with her, and if he 'forgets' she will growl at him to remind him to show her some attention! Those two are quite the pair!! It is like they have become best friends over the past four years.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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Covenant Community Church to host July 26 "Funtastic Friday"

Covenant Community Church invites all to attend its Funtastic Friday event set for Friday, July 26, from 5-8 p.m.

There will be food trucks and vendors, raffles, a cake walk, Bingo, inflatables, animals from the Marley Acres petting zoo, and more!

While it is free to attend the event, some activities will require tickets for a small fee.

Funds generated and/or donated from the event will be given back to the community to help the Elba Food Bank, School Supplies for Teachers, and Fostering Angels. The church also plans to use some funds to build a playground for the youngsters at Covenant Community Church to enjoy, according to church member Danny Jordan.

All are welcome!

SPEAK

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"I'm not afraid of my Southern accent," she said. Amlong said she believes there is a stigma around Southern accents.

"Other people sometimes perceive it as ignorance," she noted, adding it can fuel stereotypes that portray Southerners as "innocent or dumb."

Spence agreed that different word choices and pronunciations can be stigmatized by some.

However, she added, "Many are fascinated by Southern speech with its unique features and cultural identifiability."

For Amlong, growing up in Elba with a Southern accent was more than the way she talked. It was a form of identity that tied her to where she was from.

"It connects us like a family," she said.

Pronunciations and the use of vowels can vary by regions across Alabama and the South.

"Even my friends from Georgia say I say things differently," Amlong said, admitting her pronunciation of the "I" sound does fit Spence's research findings.

Unlike Amlong, Donald Vandervoort lived in Brooklyn, New York, for 60 years before coming to Elba in 2022. He works at the Rabbit Hole, a restaurant in downtown Elba, where he became familiar with local accents.

"It's definitely different than up in New York," he said.

However, he said it is similar in that it varies by where you live.

"A Brooklyn accent is

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open Invitation to the Community for a Workday at the Outdoor Classroom on the Elba City Schools Campus:

We are thrilled to invite you to a special workday Saturday, July 27, at our newly restored Outdoor Classroom from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. This is an exciting opportunity for us to come together as a community and prepare our beautiful space for the upcoming school year.

Our focus for the day will be on enhancing the butterfly garden and the pond, making these areas not only beautiful but also educational for our gifted students. Your participation and support will be instrumental in creating an inspiring environment for our children to learn and grow.

We kindly ask that you bring any of the following garden tools you may have: Hoes, Shovels, Rakes, Weed Eaters, Pruning Shears, Pressure Washers, and any other garden tools.

Please come prepared to work and get your hands dirty! Whether you are an experienced gardener or just eager to help, your efforts will make a significant difference.

We look forward to working alongside you and making our outdoor classroom a vibrant and engaging space for our students. Thank you in advance for your support and dedication.

Warm regards,
Pam Mitchell, Gifted Specialist
Elba Elementary School

very similar to a Bronx accent, but a Queens accent is more similar to a Long Island accent," Vandervoort explained. "They're similar in that you know it's from New York, but it's different."

He has noticed different Southern dialects as he works at the Rabbit Hole, too. He said as people move, they often adapt their speech to those around them.

On the plus said, he said, "Since I've been down here, I'll say 'yes ma'am' and 'yes sir' a lot more than when I was in New York."

Where Amlong says "y'all," "Coke" and "buggy," Vandervoort will say "yous guys," "soda" and "shopping cart," both reflecting clues about home and identity by the way they speak.

Spence said that while definitions of the South vary, most recognize the region as a distinct place with distinct features that can be traced to settlement history. The development of a Southern accent, she said, may have been impacted by such things as country stores and railroads creating connections with others, subsequently mixing people from various cultures.

Elisha Oyola, a Living Democracy student at Auburn University, is living and learning this summer in Elba, Alabama, as a Jean O'Connor Snyder Intern with the David Mathews Center for Civic Life. The nonprofit program, coordinated by the Caroline

Marshall Draughton Center for the Arts and Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts, prepares undergraduate college students for civic life through living-learning experiences in the summer.

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7 Ways Being in Hospice Care Is Different from Being in Hospital

Hospice offers palliative care for patients and support for their families. Hospice is not curative. Unlike a hospital, where people go for treatment to get well, hospice is for patients who have decided to forgo curative care. Hospice care focuses on pain and symptom management.

What are the differences between hospice and hospital care?

Cost - Being in a hospital, especially long-term, can be very expensive, even if a patient has insurance. Most patients in hospice care qualify for Medicare, even if they are under 65. This is because they are not able to work due to illness/disability. Once you are certified for Medicare hospice care, there are no deductibles and virtually no co-pays. You are not denied medication due to cost either. Hospice care relieves patients and their families of much financial stress due to treatment costs.

Personalization - In a hospital, it is likely you will see any number of doctors and nurses. Even though hospitals try very hard to make patients feel like they are receiving personal treatment, it can still be difficult with so many patients. In hospice care, the patient receives treatment daily from the same staff members for the most part. It can be comforting and helpful to be able to know your medical caregivers on a more personal level.

In-depth Visits - Sometimes doctor and nurse visits in a hospital setting can feel rushed. When a patient is receiving hospice care, staff are generally able to take their time when working with a patient.

Location - When you are under the care of a hospital, you are required to stay in the hospital for most treatments. With hospice care patients can receive treatment at home. They will be surrounded by friends and family who can participate in caregiving. But they are still eligible for every level of medical support available. Hospice doctors and nurse or techs come to the patient's home, allowing them to receive treatment in a more comfortable setting.


Care can be given in other settings - Sometimes a person is in a nursing home setting long before they need hospice. In this case, hospice care can be initiated in a nursing home just as effectively as in a personal home.

Hospice staff work with nursing home patients - Once a person in a nursing home becomes a hospice patient the hospice professionals take charge. Again, this allows for a more personal level of care for the patient. This is not an accident - it's the law. The laws governing hospice care in a nursing home are detailed and strict.

A variety of wrap around supports - Whether a person is in a home care, a nursing home, or hospice in-patient setting, all of the staff, including doctors and nurses, are dedicated to helping each person under their care live their last days free of pain and discomfort. Staff members know that the patient's feelings, fears, and prayers are a priority. The focus on supporting the patient wholly, including bodily and mental health support.

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Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: www.elba-clipper.com

CULON PASCHAL DAVIS

Mr. Culon Paschal Davis, age 94, of Cleveland, Ala., died Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at Hanceville Rehabilitation in Hanceville, Ala.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 10 a.m., from the Goodman Baptist Church Cemetery with Dr. James Preachers officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala. directing.

He was preceded in death by his parents - Aaron and Rochelle Davis; sons - Chris Davis and Ewell Paul Davis; brothers - Mike Davis, Don Davis, Wayne Davis, Waylon Davis, Jackie Davis, and Jere Davis; and sisters - Ellen Stewart, and Mary Thornton. Survivors include his daughters: Phyllis Bice, Cleveland, Jane Hooten, Birmingham, Ala., Betty Ann Fox, Crossett, Ark., and Susan Jefferys, Houston, Ala.; sons: Jimmy Davis, Roswell, Ga., Timothy Nathan Davis, Jemison, Ala., and David Lamar Davis, Gardendale, Ala.; sister: Peggy Clinansmith, Enterprise, Ala.; and brother: John Davis, Dothan, Ala.; along with a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great great-grandchildren.

IBELLE OGGS

Mrs. Ibelle Oggs age 99, of Spotsylvania, Va., died Thursday, July 18, 2024, at home in Spotsylvania.

Private graveside services will be held Wednesday, July 31, 2024, from Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, Alabama. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home of Elba on Wednesday, July 31, from 11-3 p.m.

Survivors include her daughters: Valarie (Kevin) Woods, Spotsylvania, Candice (Bryan) Bourne, Notasulga, Ala.; son: William "Butch" Albert Oggs Jr., Elba; sister: Maragem Bealle, Mobile, Ala.; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

PLYNIE ALLEN "DEE-NO" DEEN

Mr. Plynie Allen "Dee-no" Deen, age 90, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Friday, July 19, 2024, at his home.

In accordance with his wishes, no formal services will be held. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is serving the Deen family. Mr. Deen proudly served his country in the United States Army and was assigned to the 187th Airborne Infantry Regiment where he served in the Korean Conflict and was awarded a Purple Heart for his bravery. Survivors include his wife: Tonya Clayton Deen, Elba; daughters: Michelle Green, Moore Haven, Fla., Donna Kater, Lakeland, Fla.; and son: James Deen, Waycross, Ga.; along with his four-legged companion, "Daisy Dew Deen" and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great great-grandchildren.



Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe to hold meetings this Saturday, July 27th

On Saturday, July 27, the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama will host a Sustainable Growing Methods for Row Crops & Climate Smart Ag. Funding at the Ma-Chis Tribal Office 2950 County Road 377, Elba, from 10 a.m. -12 noon. Join farmers and learn about simple, concrete, and financially viable sustainable and organic methods to integrate into you row cropping.

Register at <https://bit.ly/Elba24>

Lunch will be served for the attendees. 12-1:30 p.m. At 2 p.m., the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe will hold a public hearing regarding the Low Income Home Energy Grant and the Community Service Block Grant for fiscal year 2025. The grant will be for the tribal resident that resides in the following Alabama counties: Coffee, Crenshaw, Covington, Geneva, Houston, Dale and Pike counties.

If anyone has any questions, contact either Chief James Wright or Vice Chief Nancy Carley chiefjames@outlook.com or nccarley@machistribe.com office telephone 334-897-3207, text messages 334-449-0607.

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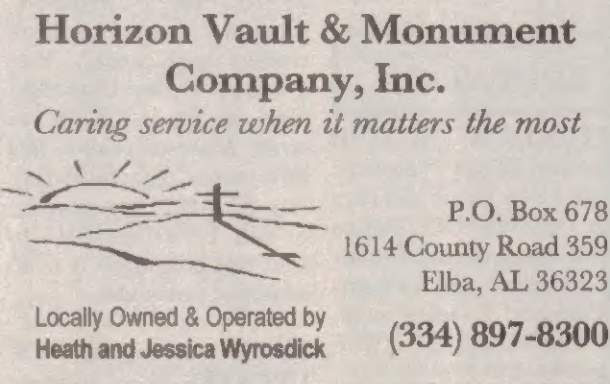


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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM GARRETH MOORE, Deceased. CASE NO. PR 2024-117

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Julia Moore as Administrator of the Estate of William Garreth Moore, deceased, on the 8th day of July, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Judge of Probate 7/11,18&25-pd.

BID #407 SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SEALED BID SALE

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College will hold a sealed bid sale of used and surplus equipment. Items for sale may be inspected at the Andalusia campus on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, and Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Bid forms will be available at the inspection site. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Andalusia Business Office no later than 4:00 PM on Monday, July 29, 2024. No bids will be accepted after 4:00 PM on Monday, July 29, 2024. Items to be sold include: chairs, desks, tables, bookcases, filing cabinets, media carts, various electronics, speakers and amplifiers, laboratory equipment and supplies, and other assorted items. 7/25-chn.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JEAN T. STRICKLAND, Deceased. CASE NO. 24-787

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AND PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Kimberly Dawn Hobbs on the 15th day of July 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Kimberly Dawn Hobbs Kimberly Dawn Hobbs Personal Representative 7/18,25&8/1-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Lucile Adrian Capshaw, Deceased Case No. 24-781

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to JoAnn Capshaw Spencer, Personal Representative, on the 15th day of July, 2024 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court, Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Toby L. Seay Judge of Probate

Alfred J. Danner Attorney for Petitioner P.O. Box 33 Geneva, AL 36340 7/18,25&8/1-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ELIZABETH ANN RILEY,

DECEASED. CASE NO. 24-780

NOTICE OF PROBATE Letters of Administration of the said deceased having been granted to Victoria Riley, on the 15th day of July 2024, by the Honorable Toby Seay, Probate Judge of Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Victoria Riley Victoria Riley, Administrator Prim & Mendheim, LLC /s/ R. Cliff Mendheim R. Cliff Mendheim, Attorney for Administrator 7/18,25&8/1-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF EDWARD SCOT BRANDON, DECEASED CASE NO.: 2024-777

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 15th day of July, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Winnie Legette Administrator of the Estate of Edward Scot Brandon c/o M. Hampton Baxley Ramsey, Baxley & McDougle P.O. Drawer 1486 Dothan, AL 36302 334-677-2850 MHB@RBM.law 7/18,25&8/1-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT IN AND FOR GENEVA COUNTY ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GLENDA FAYE TINDELL, Deceased. CASE NO: 24-778

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Jennie Lynn Rich, Personal Representative, on the 15th day of July, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Jennie Lynn Rich Personal Representative 7/18,25&8/1-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of Clark Crates, Sr. Deceased. Case No.: PR-2024-071

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Sadie Pettus, Personal Representative, on the 15th day of July, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this the 15th day of July, 2024. /s/ Jodee Thompson Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge 7/18,25&8/1-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

In the Matter of the Estate of Ann C. Gentry, Deceased. Case No.: PR-2024-092

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ann C. Gentry, deceased, having been granted to Richard Cade Gentry, Jr., Personal Representative, on the 15th day of July, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this the 15th day of July, 2024. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge 7/18,25&8/1-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Frank Allen Britt, Jr., Deceased. CASE NO. PR-2024-115

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of Frank Allen Britt, Jr., deceased, having been granted to Amanda Britt Harris, Personal Representative, on the 15th day of July, 2024, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Hon. Jodee R. Thompson Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney 300 E. Lee Street Enterprise, AL 36330 (334) 393-5146 7/18,25&8/1-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOHN EDWARD SMITH, Deceased. CASE NO.: PR-2024-123

NOTICE

Letters of Testamentary on the estate of said deceased, John Edward Smith, having been granted to Mary Smith on the 15th day of July, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this the 15th day of July, 2024. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Hon. Jodee R. Thompson Probate Judge Coffee County, Alabama 7/18,25&8/1-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JAMES RICKEY HATAWAY, Deceased. CASE NO.: PC-2024-025

NOTICE OF HEARING To: Gregory Mark Hataway, Randy Strickland, and Terry Strickland

You are hereby given notice that a petition to probate a certain instrument, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of JAMES RICKEY HATAWAY, has been filed by Lejune Davis. The 20th day of August, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. has been appointed the day for the hearing of the same at the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba Division, Alabama, at which time you may appear and contest same, if you see proper.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson Hon. Jodee R. Thompson Probate Judge Coffee County, Alabama 7/18,25&8/1-pd.

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CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

What does the Bible say about... Complaining?

Article written by Douglas Williams



"Now when the people complained, it displeased the Lord; for the Lord heard it, and His anger was aroused" (Numbers 11:1).

In 1 Corinthians chapter 10, Paul refers to sins of people recorded in the Old Testament, and says that these are examples for us to learn not to sin as they did. Included was the example, "nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed" (1 Corinthians 10:10).

"Do all things without complaining and disputing" (Philippians 2:14).

In referring to false teachers, among other things, Jude says, "These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts" (Jude 16).

To complain means to express feelings of dissatisfaction, resentment, pain; to murmur, grumble, find fault, etc. The idea is to go to an extreme, or to overly dwell on our complaints. For example we often make brief statements complaining about the weather, or something else, but do not carry these things to the ex-

treme. And it is often said, it does no good to complain about the weather because we can't do anything about it anyway.

Sometimes in our greetings, someone will say, "I can't complain, and it would do no good if I did."

Since God condemned and punished complaining, it is good for us to think about the subject to be aware that our complaining is not pleasing to God.

In the above Scriptures, the people complained and murmured so much to Moses that he complained to God that the burden of the people was too much, and God's solution was to assign others to help Moses. The complaints of the people were so much that it led to Moses disobeying God by striking the rock to provide water rather than speaking to it as God told him.

Rather than complaining, let us be thankful for our blessings, and be content as Paul said at Philippians 4:11 "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

Woodland Grove Baptist Church VBS underway July 24th - 26th

Woodland Grove Baptist Church, located at 5107 Coffee County Road 239 in the Woodland Grove community, is Vacation Bible School this week.

VBS began Wednesday,

July 24, and will continue through Friday, July 26, from 6-8 p.m. each night.

There will be classes for children through adults. Everyone is invited to participate.

Zoar Cemetery Association annual meeting set for Saturday, July 27th

The Zoar Cemetery Association has been meeting on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday each July since 1988.

The annual business meeting for Zoar Cemetery will be held Saturday, July 27,

in the Morrow Hall building, located on County Rd. 331, at 10 a.m. Continued personal and financial support is needed. All with loved ones buried in Zoar Cemetery are encouraged to attend the annual meeting.

New Beginning Christian Church to host revival services in August

New Beginning Christian Church, located at 8329 East Emmett, Brantley, Ala., will host Revival services Aug. 12-14 at 7 p.m. each night.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Willie White Jr., pastor of Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church, Enterprise, Ala.

All are invited to attend these services.

Homecoming set for Aug. 4th, at Shiloh Baptist Church

Shiloh Baptist Church Homecoming will be Sunday, Aug. 4, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 218 County Rd. 407, Elba, Ala.

Special music will be

provided by Wally and Carmen Henderson along with Sam Helms. Special guest will be Maddie Willis. The Homecoming speaker will be Greg Cotter.

All are invited to attend.

Elba pastor to participate in UNITE services July 27 in Andalusia, Ala.

Elba pastor Kit Johnson will be a featured speaker Saturday, July 27, during the UNITE worship service planned in Andalusia, Ala.

UNITE will be a night of worship, music, and message for all.

The services will be at the Dixon Center on the LBW Community College campus in Andalusia. It will begin at 6 p.m. and is free

to attend.

Speakers will include John-Mark Baker, student pastor for Hillcrest Baptist Church in Enterprise; Kit Johnson, pastor of Elba First Baptist Church; and Slick Daniels, an Ozark, Alabama pastor. Music will be by Prevail Worship.

For more information, visit the website: www.prevailworship.com.

Basin Baptist Church to celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, Aug. 11

Homecoming at Basin Baptist Church will be Sunday, Aug. 11, and all are invited to attend.

The services will begin at 9:30 a.m. with special music and more provided

by church members. The Homecoming worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m.

A covered dish lunch will follow in the fellowship hall.

Come celebrate.

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Scripture: Psalm 28: 1-9

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July Birthdays / Anniversaries

Shannon Grizzell 7/23
Mike Rowe 7/24
Kobie Gray 7/24
Monique Hutchinson 7/25
Kathleen Johnson Harris 7/26
Yolanda Reynolds 7/26
Bryce Phillips 7/26
Henry and Noble Rayborn 7/27 W.A.
Catherin Williams Daniels 7/27
Myron K. Duncan 7/28
Vivian M. Cole 7/28

Faulty Expectations

At 2:25 a.m. on February 25, 1942, the 'Great Los Angeles Air Raid' began. Sirens sounded the alarm, searchlights swept across the sky to find invading Japanese warplanes, and anti-aircraft shells were fired into the darkness. Later that morning, the Los Angeles Times gave a detailed account of the attack but also mentioned (strangely) that "no bombs were reported dropped." Nevertheless, there were casualties. Two people died of heart attacks during the excitement, and three died in traffic accidents during the blackout that occurred.

The following day, however, the Secretary of the Navy admitted the entire raid had been a mistake: there had been no enemy attack. Because of the tension surround World War II, people had been so certain that Japan would attack California that someone mistook weather balloons released that

night for enemy aircraft! Samuel discovered faulty expectations can be misleading. None of the stalwart, older sons of Jesse were God's choice for the next king of Israel. Like Samuel, we tend to judge people by outward appearances, which often tell us nothing about their moral fiber. Our political (and even some religious) leaders have demonstrated this time and again. By now we should have learned our lesson. —C.R.B.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 7/25/24

Q: Name the Pharisee who addressed the Jewish council concerning the Apostles?

A: Gamaliel [Acts 5:34]

Q: What two men did Gamaliel mention in his speech?

A: Theudas/Judas of Galilee [Acts 5:36, 37]

Q: Who traveled to Samaria to preach Christ?

A: Philip [Acts 8:5]

Thought to Remember

Unless we come apart and rest awhile, we may just come apart.

Questions for the Week of 8/1/24

Q: The Jewish leaders took note of the (appearance, miracles, or boldness) of Peter and John.

Q: The Grecian believers were murmuring against the Jewish believers because a certain group was being neglected. Which group? (Grecian widows, orphan children, or elderly)

Q: How many men were selected to take care of this matter? (7, 10 or 3)

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Rocky Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE
CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.**
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

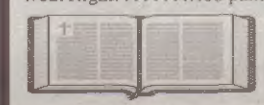
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Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE
METHODIST CHURCH**
Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE
CHURCH**
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.



**COVENANT COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**EANON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
OF PROPHECY**
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE
TABERNACLE**
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Billy James, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**EVANGELIST TEMPLE
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Phillip Adecock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD -
KINSTON**
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
CHURCH**
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**GODS POWER HOUSE
EVANGELISTIC CHURCH**
Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**GREATER NEW ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Marvin Luckett Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor**
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**HAM UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY
OF GOD**
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC
Glenwood, AL
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Danny Branch, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

**KINSTON 1st BAPT
CHURCH**
Heath Fountain, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CHURCH OF
CHRIST**
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Olson Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY
OF GOD**
Tom & Barbara Davis, Interim Pastors
Sunday School... 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Time... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**Cathedral of the Holy Spirit
NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.**
Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

**NEW JERUSALEM
CHURCH OF GOD IN
CHRIST - ENTERPRISE**
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

**NEWBROCKTON
METHODIST CHURCH**
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON
METHODIST CHURCH**
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW EBENEZER
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS COGIC
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Allen Dieas, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY
OF GOD CHURCH**
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Leon Fortune, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

**NEW HOPE BAPT
CHURCH**
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**NEW PHILADELPHIA
CHURCH OF GOD IN
CHRIST**
Lorelei Flowers, Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**OAK GROVE BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**OLD TABERNACLE UNITE
METHODIST CHURCH**
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF
GOD**
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY
OF GOD - SAMSON**
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

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Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**ROETON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Kerry Saxon, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It was time to do a little school shopping over the weekend with our grandson Lawson and it is hard to believe how tall our 'little man' has gotten since becoming a teenager. It seems his gets taller every week, and his Mom insists his feet are growing even faster as she has to buy new shoes almost every time she goes to the store. I guess it helps that Crocs have an open end!

For what it is worth....

*** *This week our preseason peek* at the upcoming high school football season is on the Elba Tigers. The Tigers will play ten regular season games with six home games, and boast winning records against all their opponents. Elba has never lost in football to McKenzie, Kinston, Goshen and Pleasant Home, and haven't lost to Red Level since way back in 1925, making the Tigers big favorites in all five games. The Tigers have also defeated Luverne 42 times in 74 contests in their oldest rivalry and own a solid 34-12 series edge over region rival Brantley, with the most-narrow series numbers coming against Florala and Georgiana. Elba has defeated Florala 18 times in 36 games and own a slim 8-6 edge over Georgiana. A look at Elba's football schedule could make fans a little overconfident. However, it always helps when a team knows its opponents, and knows it has been successful.


*** *We also took the time to look at* some of the coaching greats that have walked the sidelines at Elba and it is quite an impressive list, with five of the top ten winningest coaches claiming state championships. Mack Wood is easily the winningest coach in Elba Tiger history with 150 wins and two state titles in 17 seasons, while Scott Rials came in second on the list with 70 wins and one state title in nine seasons, followed by Ed Rigby with 53 wins and one state title in only five seasons. The coach with the highest winning percentage is obviously Pearino Gathers, who led his two Tiger teams to a perfect 20-0 record. Elba has had some of the best football coaches in the state over the years, and that is still true today, as current head coach Marc Sieving stands fourth in total wins with forty wins in just four seasons.

*** *I know many folks don't agree* with naming buildings and sports venues after coaches and players. However, last week's decision by the officials at the University of Alabama to name the field at Bryant-Denny Stadium in honor of Nick Saban should get no flak from anyone. All the former Bama coach did in his 17 years at Tuscaloosa was post a 206-29 record, win six national championships and nine SEC titles, not to mention bringing in millions of dollars in donations to the university and the city. It may take a little time to say it, but 'Nick Saban Field at Bryant-Denny Stadium' is a well-deserved name.


*** *While the AHSAA does deserve a little credit* for moving the Central Regional basketball tournament out of Birmingham, it is still a mystery why the organization refuses to listen to the coaches that are forced to play in the rodeo arena called Garrett Coliseum. I called some games years ago at the Acadome on the campus of Alabama State and was impressed with everything about the facility, and totally support the move to Montgomery. However, to hold the South Regional at Garrett isn't fair to anyone that is forced to play there, and hopefully the next move will be to move the tournament to an actual gym and out of a cow barn.

*** *Auburn gave many state football fans* something to look forward to last week when it was announced the Tigers would host Jacksonville State in the 2026 season. The teams last met back in 2015 when Auburn survived with a 27-20 overtime win, and while the game appears like an easy win for the home team on paper, it does quiet many state fans that have wondered for years why the state's two SEC teams (Auburn and Alabama) will pay teams over a million dollars to come to the state when there are teams here in Alabama that can use the extra revenue, and pump life into the fan base. While it may be true Auburn and Alabama have nothing to gain, but everything to lose in such a matchup, it is fun for the fans, and they are who fills the seats.

*** *In closing....* We at *The Clipper* try to give all the schools in the area coverage in all sports and once again are looking for reporters to help cover Zion Chapel, Kinston, New Brockton and Brantley. We believe we have some of the best around to help with Kinston and New Brockton, but last year we fell short at both Zion Chapel and Brantley. The job includes taking statistics of the games and then getting the stats to me on the day after the game, either by delivery or over the computer, and if possible making some pictures at the game. If anyone may be interested in getting in the games free and making a little extra spending money call Linda Hodge at 897-2823 and she will be glad to give you more information.

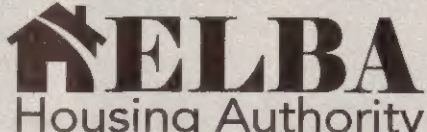


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Remain in 1A, Region 2

Elba has six home games on schedule

The Elba Tigers will remain in Class 1A, Region 2 this season for the third straight year, but will have a number of changes to their 2024 football schedule with the addition of one former rival, a nearby 2A power and a private school competing in its first season in the AHSAA.

August 23 Elba at Luverne

The Elba Tigers and Luverne Tigers will renew an old rivalry to kick off the season at Glenn Daniel Stadium, in Luverne. The teams first met back in 1923 and battled to a 6-6 tie, while the last matchup came in 2017 with Luverne claiming a 20-4 victory. Elba leads the series 42-31-1 in a rivalry that once was an annual event that saw the two teams meet on the gridiron sixty times from 1949 until 2005.

Luverne has posted nine straight winning seasons (7-4 in 2023) and has advanced to the playoffs a record 43 straight years. The Tigers from Crenshaw County have been led by five head coaches over the past ten seasons, and this season will under the guidance of former Elba Tiger Bobby Judson, in his first season as a head coach.

August 30 Glenwood at Elba

The Elba Tigers will begin a three-game homestand on the final Friday of August when they host the Glenwood Gators, from Phenix City. It will be the first ever meeting between the two teams and the second straight week the Tigers will challenge a 2A opponent.

Glenwood was a member of the AISA for 53 years, joining the private school association back in 1970, and claimed state championships in 1978, 1991 and 1992. The Gators have an overall record of 371-226-2 and have posted 38 winning seasons on 55 years on the football field. Glenwood is coached by Ryan Nelson, in his third year as head coach, and during his tenure on the sidelines has led the Gators to an 18-6 record.

September 6 McKenzie at Elba

The Elba Tigers will kick off region play in week number three when they host the McKenzie Tigers on the opening week of September. Elba owns a 4-0 record all-time against McKenzie, including a 56-28 win a year ago, and in the four wins have outscored the Tigers from Butler County by a combined score of 173-47.

McKenzie, which claimed its only state championship in 1991, posted a 5-5 record last season and has a 20-20 record the past four years. Coach Brian Bradford will be in his second season as head coach and led the Tigers to a 5-5 slate in his first year at the helm. He is the former head coach at Stanhope Elmore and Chilton County.

September 13 Kinston at Elba

The Elba Tigers will close out the early-season homestand with a week four clash against their cross-county rivals from Kinston. Elba owns a 7-0 record all-time against the Bulldogs, posted a 42-7 win last season, and in the seven wins has outscored Kinston 269-66.

Kinston has posted a 6-14 record the last two seasons after posting a record-breaking 8-4 record in 2021. Coach Rudy Free, a former Elba Tiger, will be in his sixth season as the Bulldogs head coach and has led his teams to a 19-32 overall record, 13-24 against region opponents.

September 20 Elba at Brantley

Two of the state's top 1A football powers will renew their region rivalry in week number five when the Elba Tigers travel to Brantley to battle the Brantley Bulldogs, at David Lowery Stadium. Elba owns a 34-12 all-time advantage over the Bulldogs, has won four of the last five meetings, and a year ago rolled to a 48-0 victory.

Brantley has won state championships in 1993, 1998, 2009 and 2013, and over the past four seasons has posted an overall record of 54-12. Coach Roland Jones will be in his seventh year at the helm of the Bulldogs and has led his teams to an overall record of 61-16, 39-5 against region foes.

September 27 Goshen at Elba

The Elba Tigers will return home on the final Friday in September when they step out of the region wars for a clash against the 2A Goshen Eagles. Elba own an 8-0 all-time record against the Eagles, winning eight straight games from 2010-2017, won the last matchup 20-14 in 2017, and in the wins has outscored Goshen 282-84.

Goshen rolled to an impressive 9-3 record last season and over the past two years has posted a combined record of 15-6, after struggling to a 1-18 record the previous two

ELBA TIGERS

2024 Football Schedule

Aug. 23	at, Luverne
Aug. 30	Glenwood
Sept. 6	McKenzie *
Sept. 13	Kinston *
Sept. 20	at, Brantley *
Sept. 27	Goshen
Oct. 4	at, Red Level *
Oct. 11	at, Pleasant Home *
Oct. 18	Georgiana *
Oct. 25	Florala *

(* Denotes region game)

years. Coach Don Moore is in his fourth year as the head coach at Goshen and has a combined record of 16-16, including a 9-12 region record.

October 4 Elba at Red Level

The Elba Tigers will jump back into the region wars the opening weekend of October when they travel to Covington County to battle the Red Level Tigers. Elba owns a 7-1 all-time record against Red Level, with the lone loss coming way back in 1925 by the score of 7-6. Elba posted a 56-14 win last season and in the series has outscored Red Level 343-73.

Red Level posted a 2-8 record last season and last posted a winning record back in 2006. Coach Kenny Sipper is in his eighth year as the head coach of the Tigers and his teams have posted a combined record of 18-50, 13-38 in region play.

October 11 Elba at Pleasant Home

The Elba Tigers will remain in region play and remain on the road for the second straight week in week number eight when they travel back to Covington County for a clash with the Pleasant Home Eagles. Elba owns a 4-0 all-time record against the Eagles, posted a 61-14 win a year ago, and in the four wins has outscored Pleasant Home 191-34.

Pleasant Home struggled to a 1-9 record last season and has a combined record of 8-51 the past six years. Coach Kevin Bond will take over the reins at Pleasant Home this season and will be the fourth head coach over the past six years.

October 18 Georgiana at Elba

The Elba Tigers will be back at home and remain in region action in week number nine when they host the Georgiana Panthers. Elba owns an 8-6 all-time record against Georgiana and has won the last three meetings after losing six straight to the Panthers in games dating back to 1993. Last season the Tigers posted a 38-6 win.

Georgiana posted an impressive 10-2 record last season and has posted an overall record of 17-6 over the past two seasons after struggling to an 0-10 record in 2021. Coach Berry Bess is in his fourth year as the head coach of the Panthers and has seen his teams improve each season from no wins in 2021 to seven wins in 2022 and 10 wins a year ago.

October 25 Florala at Elba

The Elba Tigers will close out the regular season at home with a region clash against the Florala Wildcats. Elba owns a slim 18-14-4 all-time series advantage over the Wildcats, posted a 56-28 win a year ago, and over the past four seasons has averaged 58 points per game. The last loss to Florala came back in 1975 by the score of 13-12.

Coach Daniel Green will be in his first season as the head coach at Florala after a long tenure as an assistant and will inherit a Wildcat team that has won seven or more games four of the last five years and during that span has compiled a region record of 23-14.

Five coaches have state titles

Mack Wood is Elba Tigers winningest coach

The Elba Tigers have had a total of 38 head football coaches during their rich 103-year history on the gridiron, and leading the list based on total wins are a trio of head coaches that brought a total of four state championships back to Elba in Mack Wood, Scott Rials and Ed Rigby.

Mack Wood, the Tigers head coach from 1977-1994, posted a 150-60 record during his stay at Elba, including a 57-18 area/region record, and led the Tigers to a pair of state championships in 1989 and 1992.

Scott Rials, the Tigers head coach from 2004-2012, posted a record of 70-35 during his career at Elba, including a 46-17 area/region record, and a state championship in

Elba Tigers

Top 10' Coaches

Coach	Years	Career Record	State Titles
Mack Wood	1977-1994	150-60	2
Scott Rials	2004-2012	70-35	1
Ed Rigby	2013-2017	53-12	1
Marc Sieving	2020-present	40-8	
Leon Akins	1967-1971	36-12-2	
Frank Buckner	1951-1953	23-5-2	1
Pearino Gathers	1954-1955	20-0	2
Wendell Hart	1963-1966	18-20-2	
Jim Reeves	1948-1950	17-13	
James Radford	1940-1941	15-3	
Paul Morgan	1929-1931	15-10-3	
Mike Waters	2001-2003	15-17	

2011.

Ed Rigby, the Tigers head coach from 2013-2017,

posted a record of 53-12, including an amazing 31-2 region record, and led Elba to back-to-back state title appearances, and a state title in 2015.

The remainder of the 'Top 10' coaches at Elba

High, based on wins, includes, (4) Marc Sieving, (5) Leon Akins, (6) Frank Buckner, (7) Pearino Gathers, (8) Wendell Hart, (9) Jim Reeves, and (10) James Radford, Mike Waters and Paul Morgan.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Last Friday, July 19, the seniors at the New Hope Senior Citizens Center celebrated a Luau! The seniors were greeted with leis and welcomed to Hawaii (by way of New Hope). They enjoyed Hawaiian style foods and punch. The ladies wore grass skirts, and the men wore Hawaiian shirts (as shown in the picture above). Senior Center director Conzuella Banks said all had a blast, and they are looking forward to the next event!

Coffee County Schools announce Jumpstart times for kindergarten

On Friday, Aug. 2, Coffee County Schools will conduct Kindergarten JUMPSTART. It is a one-day program that allows incoming kindergarten students an orientation opportunity before the beginning of school.

The day is three hours in length. During this time the students are exposed to a mini kindergarten schedule, allowed to tour the building, and are introduced to their teacher as well as several other staff members.

All students and parents are to report to the school with their beginning school supplies. During this time, the parents will have a time of orientation.

The Jumpstart Schedule for Coffee County Schools:

Friday, Aug. 2nd
KINSTON 11:30 – 2:30
NEW BROCKTON 8:00 – 11:00
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Troy University recognizes students for completing IMPACT orientation

Troy University recognizes new students who have completed IMPACT orientation and enrolled in classes for the Fall 2024 semester.

Local students who are starting Troy in the fall include: Kayleigh Adkins of New Brockton; David Ardis of Elba; Elijah Barker of New Brockton; Trawick Bolland of New Brockton; Katherine Branson of New Brockton; Audrey Burke of Elba; Joseph Camley of Jack; Justie Ellis of New Brockton; Preston Farris of Elba; Ian Herbert of New Brockton; Douglas Krueger, Jr. of New Brockton; Jarrison Kyles of Elba; Madison Lolley of Kinston; Madeline Martin of Kinston; Kali Nicholson of Elba; Selah Sanders of New Brockton; Chase Thorman of Jack; Brooklyn Tindle of New Brockton; AshLynn Wallace of Kinston; and Denyia Wilkerson of Elba.

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LEGAL NOTICES (con't from Page 4)

STATE OF ALABAMA, GENEVA COUNTY. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made under the terms and conditions of that certain mortgage dated the 25th day of November, 2022, executed by Juan Antonio Alvarez Flores and Osmara Santana Maya to William Nathan Mathis, a married man, which said mortgage is recorded in OR Book 1176, Page 40, recorded November 28th, 2022, and said default continuing, the undersigned has elected to declare the entire indebtedness secured by said mortgage to be due and payable as provided in said mortgage, and notice is hereby given, that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva Alabama, during the legal, sale hours on the 12th day of August, 2024, the following described real estate, situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to-wit:

PARCEL I:

One lot or parcel of land in Geneva County, Alabama as surveyed by The Boundary Hunter, LLC as per plat dated October 19, 2022 and being more particularly described as follows; Commencing at a ½" rebar found marking the intersection of the West line of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 25 East and the South Right of Way (R/W) line of Bethesda Church Road (not paved); thence leaving said Section line N61°40'03"E for a distance of 1036.35 feet to an iron pin set (1/2" rebar, cap #CA 1143) on the above mentioned South R/W line and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence along said R/W line, N58°43'20"E for a distance of 197.52 feet to and existing ½" rebar (cap #CA 1143); thence leaving said R/W line, S00°30'45"W for a distance of 845.91 feet to an existing ½" rebar (cap #CA 1143); thence N79°06'45"W for a distance of 170.68 feet to an iron pin set (1/2" rebar, cap #CA 1143); thence N00°30'45"E for a distance of 711.12 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said land is located in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 25 East and contains 3.00 acres, more or less.

PARCEL II:

One lot or parcel of land in Geneva County, Alabama as surveyed by The Boundary Hunter, LLC as per plat dated September 22, 2022 and being more particularly described as follows; Commencing at a ½" rebar found marking the intersection of the West line of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 25 East and the South Right of Way (R/W) line of Bethesda Church Road (not paved); thence leaving said Section line N61°41'47"E for a distance of 1233.65 feet to an iron pin set (1/2" rebar, cap #CA 1143); thence along said R/W line, N58°43'20"E for a distance of 279.78 feet to and existing ½" rebar (cap #CA 1143); thence leaving said R/W line, S00°30'45"W for a distance of 986.61 feet to an existing ½" rebar (cap HCA 1143); thence N88°54'07"W for a distance of 237.90 feet to an iron pin set (1/2" rebar, cap #CA 1143); thence N00°30'45"E for a distance of 845.91 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said land is located in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 25 East and contains 5.00 acres, more or less.

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The debt secured by said Mortgage has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Mortgage. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in said Mortgage and by Alabama law. This sale

is subject to postponement or cancellation. Alabama law gives some persons who have interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

The proceeds of the sale will be applied, first to the expenses of advertising and conducting said sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee, for legal services as provided in such mortgage; second, to the payment of any debt other than the note above described which may then be due or owing to the Mortgagee, with interest to the date of sale; third, to the payment of the above described note with the interest thereon to the date of sale; forth, the surplus, if any, shall be paid to the Mortgagor.

/s/ Alfred J. Danner
Alfred J. Danner, Attorney for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, AL 36340
7/18,25&8/1-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Foster Norris, Deceased
Case No. 24-789

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to Anthony Helms, Personal Representative, on the 17th day of July, 2024 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court, Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Toby L. Seay
Judge of Probate

Alfred J. Danner
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, AL 36340
7/25,8/1&8-pd.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that Wiregrass Electric Cooperative, Inc., an electric cooperative of the State of

Alabama (the "Cooperative"), has filed its petition with the Department of Finance of the State of Alabama for approval to the issue and delivery of its Note in the principal sum of \$10,000,000.00 to National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation ("CFC").

The petition has been set down to be heard on August 20, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. in the offices of the General Counsel, Alabama Department of Finance, 600 Dexter Avenue, Suite E-317, Alabama State Capitol, Montgomery, Alabama. All persons in interest may appear and contest the petition if they see fit to do so.

DONE at Montgomery, Alabama, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

By: _____

Bill Poole
Its: Director of Finance
7/25-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF RALPH OLIN FARRIS, Deceased.
CASE NO. 24-768

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AND PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Felicia Mock on the 16th day of July, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Felicia Mock
Felicia Mock, Personal Representative

Lee F. Knowles, Esq.
Attorney for the Estate
P.O. Box 369
Geneva, AL 36340
7/25,8/1&8-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE ESTATE OF THOMAS A. BOYLES, DECEASED,

JENNIFER GROSS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE.
CASE NO.: PR-2022-8350

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that Jeffery D. Hatcher, Attorney at Law, by virtue of Decree entered by the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama will sell to the highest bidder the real property of the Estate of Thomas A. Boyles, deceased, described as follows:

Parcel # 18-04-20-3-014-004.000 located at 120 Hart Ave. Geneva, Al., Parcel # 10-01-11-0-001-003.000, 10-01-11-0-001-005.000, 10-01-11-0-006.000, and 10-01-11-0-001-007.000 All 4 parcels located on Baxley St. in Coffee Springs, Al.

The auction shall be held on-site at Geneva County Courthouse, 200 North Commerce St. at 10:00 a.m. on the 5th day of August 2024, and payment will be required by certified funds and/or a Letter of Credit from a Financial Institution within two (2) business days. The property may be viewed at 120 E. Hart St. Geneva, Alabama 36340 and on Baxley St. in Coffee Springs, Alabama 36318.

ESTATE ATTORNEY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.

For more information, contact: Jeffery D. Hatcher, Attorney for the Estate
P.O. Box 189, Geneva, Alabama 36340
(334) 684-8524
7/25-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Doris K. Flora, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR-2024-125

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of Doris K. Flora, deceased, having been granted to Joshua T. Weber, Personal Representative, on the 17th day of July, 2024, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson

Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama
Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney
300 E. Lee Street
Enterprise, AL 36330
(334) 393-5146
7/25,8/1&8-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA Enterprise Division

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: BRANDON LEE BAKER, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR-2024-105

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Nichole Culp, as administrator of the estate of Brandon Lee Baker, deceased on the 4th day of December, 2022, by the Honorable Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Gary D. Bradshaw
Gary D. Bradshaw (BRA074)
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 311412
Enterprise, AL 36331-1412
(334) 393-6439 / (334) 393-7163 fax
7/25,8/1&8-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BENJAMIN PHILIP MARTIN, DECEASED
DOCKET NO. PR-2024-127

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Charlene W. Martin, Personal Representative, on the 22nd day of July, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

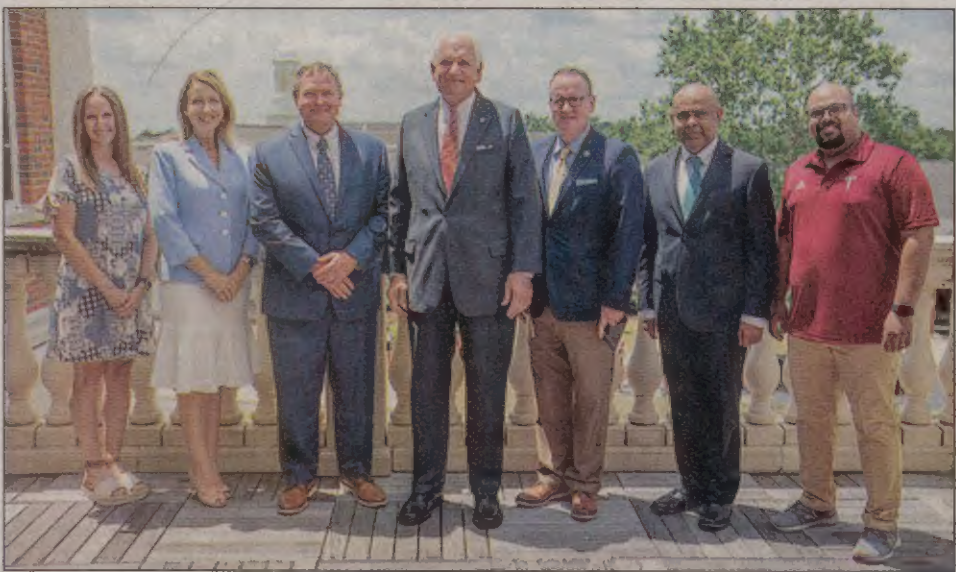
Charlene W. Martin
Personal Representative

Benjamin S. Armstrong
Attorney for Personal Representative
200 Grove Park, Suite 670
Dothan, Alabama 36305
7/25,8/1&8-pd.

COMMUNITY NEWS



90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION! Jim Gilmer of Elba was honored Saturday, July 20, on his 90th birthday when his two sons and their families traveled long distances to help him celebrate. Family members came from Texas, Tennessee, South Carolina, and New Hampshire. They enjoyed staying at the Lodge at Pea River, and the party was held at the Elba Masonic Lodge. Those pictured include: (front) Jim Gilmer with great-grandson Luke Tomberlin; (middle row) Bill Gilmer, Katie Gilmer, Ella Tomberlin (great-granddaughter), Liz Tomberlin, Cindy Gilmer, Nell Gilmer, and Nerissa Vahle; and (back) Allison Gilmer, and Ron Gilmer.



Pictured, from left, are Mechatronics Instructor Aubri Hanson, ESCC Dean of Instruction Dr. Anna Head, ESCC President Danny Long, Troy Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academics Dr. Kerry Palmer, College of Arts and Sciences Interim Dean Dr. Govind Mennon and Electronics Engineering Technology Assistant Professor Dr. Raj Kumar Vinnakota.

Transfer pathway for mechatronics students created through ESCC, Troy University agreement

A new articulation agreement between Enterprise State Community College and Troy University will create a pipeline for Mechatronics students to transfer credits toward a bachelor's degree.

"We are excited to facilitate a pathway for students seeking to earn the bachelor's degree in Electronics Engineering Technology," Dr. Kerry Palmer, senior vice chancellor for academics, said in a release from the university. "Troy University is committed to preparing students for in-

demand jobs. This pathway helps us achieve that goal."

"I certainly appreciate our relationship with Troy University," ESCC President Danny Long said. "Many of our students attend Troy after they complete classes with us, and we are excited to offer another path to our students for them to take that next step toward a bachelor's degree."

Through the agreement, ESCC Mechatronics students will be able to transfer up to 64 semester hours toward Troy University's Electronics Engineering Technology bachelor's degree, which combines theory with hands-on experience through lab experiments that focus on electrical circuits and devices, robotics, automation, and more.

ESCC's Mechatronics program provides a variety of paths for individuals to receive skills training in electronics, motors, automation, robotics, and other advanced manufacturing processes. These paths include a two-year degree

program, six short-term certificates and 51 industrial certification training courses that meet national skill standards.

"There is a need for trained workers in this field," Mechatronics Instructor Aubri Hanson said. "We've been able to offer the training people need to have great careers in this industry, and I'm happy that our students will have this opportunity to continue their education and training close to home at Troy University."

For the 2023-24 academic year, Hanson and her instructional team have served 476 students through the program, with 41 of the students graduating with the one of the program's certificates and associate degree. Additionally, 1,375 industry certifications were issued to students over the academic year.

To learn more about the mechatronics program, visit esc.edu/mechatronics. Registration is also open for fall classes. Apply to join the mechatronics program at esc.edu/apply.

Alabama DHR announces final round of child care stability grants

The Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) announces the final round of grants supporting child care providers through a temporary federal grant program.

As of Monday, July 15, DHR is accepting applications for Child Care Stability grants, meant to reinforce the child care industry in Alabama. August 12 is the final day to apply.

Award amounts will be determined based on the total number of children served by the facility or home, the number of qualifying applicants, and the availability of funds. DHR wants to ensure all the remaining grant funds provided through the American Rescue Plan Act are utilized before September 30, 2024.

"These grants have helped increase access to child care for many Alabama families and have improved opportunities for Alabama's child care providers. We know that high-quality and acces-

sible child care is an integral foundation block of Alabama's workforce system," said Alabama DHR Commissioner Nancy Buckner. "It is vital that we find unique and novel ways to support and grow the list of high-quality caregivers and providers across our state if we are to build and maintain a strong workforce throughout Alabama."

Grant funds are used for necessary expenditures such as employee pay, facility maintenance, purchases of classroom materials, cleaning supplies and meals. Funds can also be used to offer tuition relief to families.

To qualify, providers must be licensed and operating in good standing with DHR at the time they apply and receive a grant. They must also remain in operation for at least one year after a grant is awarded.

Applications and other important information will be available at dhr.alabama.gov/child-care.

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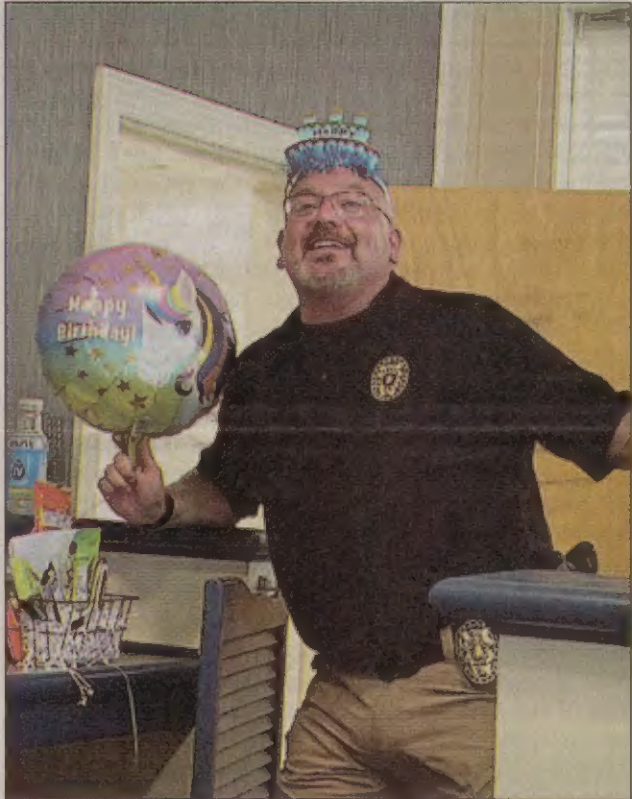
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For more information or to request an application please email ecc@troycable.net, call 334-897-6600, or text 334-282-2454.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHIEF! Elba City Hall was decked out in birthday decorations Wednesday, July 17, in honor of Elba Police Chief Shayne Arnett. The staff of Elba City Hall surprised Chief Arnett with the decor in honor of his 50th birthday. It was all done in fun and games as the photo above shows.

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